

Methods and compositions for the treatment of microbial infection, and in particular meningococcal disease, comprise a commensal *Neisseria* or an extract of a commensal *Neisseria*. Further methods and compositions comprise commensal *Neisseria* which express genes from virulent strains of *Neisseria* and/or heterologous gene products from non-neisserial sources. Such compositions are used in vaccine preparations for the treatment of microbial infection.